

your help. They are there. And they stay until it's over.

We have fought side-by-side with Korean soldiers in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and Korea has been a reliable diplomatic ally as we seek peace and stability in Northeast Asia and elsewhere around the world.

Mr. Speaker, that last year I had the opportunity to travel to Korea to meet with political and military leaders and with business executives. The hospitality I encountered was remarkable. My hosts were gracious and informative, and being "on the ground" helped me to understand how the U.S.—Korea partnership works so well and, indeed, how it endures.

I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting our Korean allies on this 62th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. More than six decades have passed but the sacrifices of our American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines as well as the untold sacrifices of the Korean people have not and will not be forgotten.

#### IN HONOR OF THE ITALIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Italian Cultural Garden, a Cleveland landmark that will be dedicating a statue of the great author Dante Alighieri and celebrating the 66th anniversary of the Republic of Italy on June 29, 2012.

The 254 acre piece of land that constitutes Rockefeller Park was donated to the City of Cleveland by John D. Rockefeller in 1896. The Cleveland Cultural Gardens were founded in 1926 to create a memorial area for the diverse ethnic groups that shape the region, and to serve as a space for reflection on peace, cooperation and understanding. The Cultural Gardens are currently a collection of 26 gardens which include African-American, American Indian, British, Chinese, Czech, Estonian, and Slovenian gardens, among others.

The Italian Cultural Garden was established in 1930 "as a symbol of the contribution of Italian culture to American democracy." It lies in Rockefeller Park among 35 other cultural gardens representing the diverse ethnic populations of Cleveland. The Italian Garden is the most-visited of all the gardens and is the venue of various free concerts.

The Italian Cultural Garden has been in the process of a massive restoration since 2007. The garden was enhanced with new historic lampposts, new fountains and new statues. More renovations are planned for the future.

Currently, the garden honors noteworthy figures in Italian history, including Giotto, Michelangelo, and Guglielmo Marconi. The addition of Dante Alighieri, the author of *The Divine Comedy* and a master of the Italian language, will pay tribute to this outstanding Italian and symbolize the contributions of Cleveland's Italian community. The ceremony will be hosted by the Italian Cultural Garden Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Italian Cultural Garden, a historic landmark and tribute to Cleveland's beloved Italian community.

IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT  
JOSEPH J. DUFFY

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Master Sergeant Joseph J. Duffy's induction to the Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame. His service to this country spanned over 42 years from 1955 to 1997. He started as a Crypto Operator and trained over 75 personnel in Crypto Operations.

While stationed at Tan Son Nhut in Vietnam, he was responsible for the second largest COMSEC account. During his second tour in Vietnam, he was tasked with terminating all communications activities within 90 days; this was completed in less than 80 days. Due to this exemplary performance, he was assigned to RAF Bruggen, Germany as Site Commander; he was the only Tech Sergeant to achieve this distinction.

His final Air Force assignment was at HQ SAC where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant and was the COMSEC Manager for 12 AF Special Security Offices. Thanks to his unique experience and skill set, MSgt. Duffy was appointed as the Foreign Service Communications Officer for the State Department. His first three assignments were high value hardship postings to Moscow, Beijing and Berlin. He followed that up with a tour in Sydney, Australia.

His outstanding performance resulted in him being assigned to State Department HQ as the COMSEC Manager for over 70 overseas significant activities. MSgt. Duffy has earned numerous decorations including the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Outstanding Unit Award with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters with the "V" device, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palms, and State Department Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards.

MSGT Duffy's service to the nation has continued into his retirement. He has spent his retirement volunteering with the Warrior Games. The Warrior Games was created in 2010 as an introduction to Paralympics for injured service members and veterans and has since developed into a premier military program under the United States Olympic Committee. I applaud MSgt. Duffy for his tireless service to our country and I offer my sincere congratulations for his induction to the Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame.

#### ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish the Rock Island Arsenal in the 17th District of Illinois a happy 150th Birthday.

An act of Congress in 1809 first established the Rock Island facility as a military reservation. In 1862 Congress officially established Rock Island Arsenal as a facility for the deposit and repair of military materiel in a bill

that President Abraham Lincoln signed into law on July 11, 1862.

This Arsenal has provided equipment for our military in every major conflict since the Spanish-American War. It has supported our Army's readiness in times of both peace and war. I am proud of the work that the men and women at Rock Island Arsenal have done and are still doing because they have played a role in making our military become the best in the world.

In addition to supporting our troops and contributing our national defense capabilities, the Rock Island Arsenal has taken an active role in job creation and economic development in our region. For that reason, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of a resolution by Congressman DAVE LOEBSACK that recognizes and honors this great facility.

I am also proud to have worked hard for the Rock Island Arsenal with Congressman LOEBSACK on getting important provisions in the Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 National Defense Authorization Acts that will help strengthen this national treasure and recognize the critical manufacturing capability of the organic base. I will continue to support this important facility.

I want to thank the past and current men and women of the Rock Island Arsenal for everything they have done for the Army and our country as a whole and I want to wish them a Happy Birthday. Here is to 150 more years.

#### RECOMMENDING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF CON- GRESS

SPEECH OF

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2012*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am disheartened by the Republican majority's decision to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt and am deeply concerned with the partisan basis of this investigation.

For the first time in the history of the United States House of Representatives, a Cabinet official, in this case an Attorney General has been held in contempt of Congress—simply for doing his job. This act is a deliberate misuse of power which I hope will be challenged.

In the previous sessions of Congress, the Oversight Committee has been a watchdog, ensuring that our Government works as effectively and efficiently as possible. Whether it was investigating our government's failed response to Hurricane Katrina, or investigating our government's role in the financial crisis, the Oversight Committee has been at the forefront of issues that concern the American people.

However, during this 112th Congress, the Oversight Committee's leadership has pressed for an investigation, requesting irrelevant documents, and narrowly focusing his inquiries on the current Attorney General's continuation of a program established long before his tenure.

Attorney General Holder has cooperated with the Oversight Committee's investigation, providing thousands of documents on the operation. However, after finding no wrongdoing, the Oversight Committee's leadership remains